

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

LONG-TERM CARE VETERANS CHOICE ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 7158, the Long-Term Care Veterans Choice Act, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts and agreements for the payment of care in non-Department of Veterans Affairs medical foster homes for certain veterans who are unable to live independently.

Medical foster homes are private homes where a trained caregiver provides services to a few individuals. These facilities serve as an alternative to nursing homes, providing residents with the comfort of home with medical attention readily available.

Medical foster homes and caregivers must meet specific criteria to ensure that veterans receive the same level of care that would be provided in traditional Veterans Affairs facilities or nursing homes.

Caregivers must demonstrate the ability to provide care and supervision 24/7, communicate significant changes in a veteran's status, and have caregiving experience, along with other requirements.

The home where a veteran would be living must go through inspection with a VA multi-disciplinary team, provide a home-like environment, meet National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Life Safety Code, and more.

The medical foster care program started in 2008 and has served over 1,000 veterans nationally. According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, the demand for medical foster homes is highest in rural areas, where veterans want to stay in the communities in which they are comfortable.

The Department of Veterans Affairs says that the home environment enriches the lives of veterans and their caregivers. Veterans who live in this type of setting tend to have fewer hospitalizations than those in institutional care or who live alone.

This program is providing our nation's veterans with a sense of belonging and community while also providing them with the medical care they need. Many veterans that are in medical foster homes report feeling like they are part of a family and supported.

It is estimated that there are 46,000 veterans in nursing homes across the country. Nursing homes do provide patients with the medical attention they need, but many patients miss the aspect of living in their community, in a home, and with family.

This bill would provide veterans from my home of Houston, Texas with the option to stay in their communities and be part of a family while receiving 24/7 care. Instead of stripping these veterans from their commu-

nities this bill will provide them with a way to be better engrained in their communities.

The Long-Term Care Veterans Choice Act would provide veterans who want to be at home with the ability to seek care that provides that level of support and familiarity.

I urge my colleagues to join me in support of H.R. 7158, Long-Term Care Veterans Choice Act. With the passage of this bill, we can give a sense of family back to many veterans who have been longing for a sense of normalcy.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF MAYOR RICK BONILLA ON THE CITY COUNCIL OF SAN MATEO, CALIFORNIA

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 5, 2022

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize my friend and colleague Mayor Rick Bonilla as his service on the San Mateo City Council comes to a close. Rick's record of accomplishment is impressive.

Rick and his wife Suzanne first moved to San Mateo in 1991. From 1998 to 2011, he was employed as a Field Representative by the Northern California Carpenters Regional Council. His time in public service began in 2001 when he was appointed to the Bay Meadows and Transportation Corridor Citizen's Advisory Committee. Bay Meadows was the largest redevelopment project in modern San Mateo history, and it was key to revitalizing the old site of Bay Meadows Racetrack. Rick offered his vision for land use and transportation, helping to shape the development into today's hub of high-tech industry, housing, local commerce, and recreation.

In 2006, he was appointed to the San Mateo Public Works Commission where he served for six years. He was then appointed to the Planning Commission where he served until 2015 when he was appointed to the San Mateo City Council. He was elected to his full term in 2017.

Rick Bonilla has embraced his public duties with vigor. For many years, he served as the council's representative on the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG, General Assembly). At ABAG, Rick sat on the all-important Regional Planning Committee. This committee established the methodology for determining each city's required housing allocation throughout the nine county San Francisco Bay Area. The numbers that arise from this methodology profoundly influence the cost of living for millions of Bay Area residents. Rick is a very strong advocate for housing, and also sits on the board of the Housing Endowment and Regional Trust (HEART).

Peninsula Clean Energy is our local government agency responsible for buying electricity

for nearly all businesses and residences in San Mateo County. Rick was instrumental in forming this agency and sits on its board. The agency is at the center of greening San Mateo County by offering rebates across many items that can be electrified, including vehicles and appliances, and by offering clean electricity at a price below that offered by our local public utility.

Rick also represents the council on the San Mateo County Council of Cities, the San Mateo-Foster City Public Financing Agency, and is a board member and Vice Chair of the South Bayside Waste Management Authority. He sits on the Congestion Management and Environmental Quality subcommittee of the City/County Association of Governments, and on a subcommittee of the League of California Cities. He is also responsible for four internal council committee appointments and is the chief representative to my office from the San Mateo City Council.

Now that I've listed Rick's committee assignments, let me take a few moments to speak about Rick Bonilla, the person. He is deeply dedicated to economic opportunity for all persons. Over the years, my staff and I have had countless conversations with Rick about opportunities for high school students to join the skilled trades, the need to build enough housing so that broad segments of the population could afford to live in San Mateo, racial justice, and the need to protect and promote democracy. Rick would regularly attend my town halls and illustrate for the public the connection between local decisions and national issues, providing insights that attendees would not otherwise receive. He also participated as a guest during one of my telephone town halls.

Social justice is a particular passion for Rick. He is also dedicated to promoting public safety and ensuring that residents feel safe when interacting with the San Mateo Police Department.

As he leaves the city council, Mayor Bonilla has a lot of accomplishments of which he may be proud. On all major issues impacting San Mateo for nearly two decades, he's played a role in creating the prosperous future that emerged from those choices. Whether it was Bay Meadows, bicycle paths, the minimum wage or investments in parks, police and the environment, Rick always asked whether the decision made that night would withstand the test of time. He is thus a remarkable leader, dedicated not only to those who currently live in San Mateo but to generations yet to come.

I wish Rick Bonilla well in the years ahead. I know that his wife, retired special education teacher Suzanne Flecker, will want to get him out of their house because the man really has a lot of energy. I therefore look forward to seeing Rick around the Peninsula as he goes to public meetings, continues his volunteer work, and impacts San Mateo's civic life for years to come.

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BLAIR OAKS FOOTBALL STATE
CHAMPIONSHIP**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 5, 2022

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Blair Oaks Falcons Football Team on their victory in the Class 2 State Championship.

Blair Oaks claimed the Class 2 title in 2004, 2006, 2018, and now in 2022. To secure their win, the Falcons endured a grueling 15-week season and won in a nail-biting game with a fourth quarter defensive stop. The Falcons should be commended for all their hard work throughout the past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the Blair Oaks Falcons for a job well done.

RECOGNIZING STEPHEN P. DAILEY, P.E., GENERAL MANAGER OF THE FAIRFAX DRAINAGE DISTRICT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY

HON. SHARICE DAVIDS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 5, 2022

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Stephen P. Dailey, Professional Engineer and General Manager of the Fairfax Drainage District of Wyandotte County for his exemplary professional accomplishments.

Mr. Dailey's career in public service began after graduating from the University of Missouri-Kansas City with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering and becoming licensed as a professional engineer. He spent 14 years in the municipal well drilling industry prior to his time at Fairfax Drainage District.

Throughout Mr. Dailey's 30-year tenure as General Manager, he was responsible for protecting investments amounting to nearly \$6 billion in a 2,000-acre industrial park. He oversaw preparations and guided flood control operations for multiple record-breaking high-water events, a highlight that only begins to scratch the surface of 3 decades working in honorable service to Kansas.

Beyond supervising operation and maintenance of complex flood projection system comprised of 5 miles of levee, over 100 relief wells, 12 pump stations and a computerized communications network, Mr. Dailey spent 27 years serving on the Fairfax Industrial Association Board of Directors and over fifteen years as an active board member and committee chair of the Missouri and Associated Rivers Coalition, promoting water resource management for effective flood control and navigation works.

I've also had the pleasure of working with Mr. Dailey while in Congress. Last year, I had the pleasure of sponsoring community project funding to perform maintenance of the Fairfax Jersey Creek Upper Levee. I commend Mr. Dailey for his dedication to our state and to

our country, and the 120-plus businesses in the Kansas City, Kansas community he has tirelessly worked to support and protect.

STEVE CHABOT APPRECIATION**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 5, 2022

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, throughout my service in Congress, I have been grateful to serve with Representative STEVE CHABOT of Ohio, including our time together on the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. I will never forget our CODELS including to both Russia and China, with the bipartisan House Armed Services delegation in 2002. He is a valued public servant, and I am eternally grateful for his more than 20 years of service to Ohio's 1st congressional district and to the nation.

Throughout his life, STEVE has been a dedicated public servant. Prior to being elected to Congress in 1994, he served as a City Councilman in his hometown of Cincinnati, Ohio, and as a Hamilton County Commissioner for five years each.

During his time on the House Committee on Small Business, including as Chairman, STEVE has been a positive force for change, advocating for taxpayers, protecting small businesses, and fighting back against excessive government spending and regulations. He was a pivotal member in the implementation of the Paycheck Protection Program, which aided small businesses and saved over 50 million jobs nationwide.

As co-chairman, his service for country causes made a difference for appreciative allies from Taiwan to Turkey. He tirelessly promoted warm relations with valued allies.

As a Senior member on the House Committee on the Judiciary, he sponsored legislation to combat the opioid epidemic, defend the rights of the unborn, fight against internet child exploitation, and increase resources for those facing mental health challenges.

Today I am grateful to honor his service to the American people and wish him and his wife Donna the best in their future endeavors.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11th.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF THE HONORABLE ERIC RODRIGUEZ, COUNCILMEMBER, CITY OF SAN MATEO, UPON THE CONCLUSION OF HIS PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 5, 2022

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Eric Rodriguez as he steps down from the San Mateo City Council after serving for five years and ten months, with one year as Mayor.

Eric grew up in neighboring Belmont. Upon moving to San Mateo, he eventually served as his neighborhood's representative to the San Mateo United Homeowners Association and

as a member of the Aragon Neighborhood Association Board of Directors from 2013 through 2016. In 2015, he was appointed to the planning commission, serving until 2017.

In that year, he was elected to the San Mateo City Council. In his candidate's statement he argued for effective traffic planning to reduce gridlock, preservation of the neighborhood character of San Mateo, quality public safety and parks and recreation services, affordable housing and fiscal accountability. He received 6,266 votes.

Nowhere in his candidate statement did the word "COVID" appear.

Eric led San Mateo as Mayor from December 2020 to December 2021. These harsh times of pandemic required city services to be largely delivered remotely, city workers to support public health by arranging for testing and then early public vaccination sites, and an all-hands-on-deck approach to preserving public health. This included the difficult decision to enforce shut-down orders for public places. As the vital restaurant industry began to be devastated by the disease, Eric and his colleagues swiftly approved outside dining and offered financial support. When racial tensions rose because of actions in other cities that sparked nationwide outrage, Mayor Rodriguez spoke out on YouTube and stated that San Mateo stood united against hatred and all forms of racism. He also spoke in favor of the Police Athletic League (PAL), stating that building relationships between young people and the police was part of the solution to keeping fairness in the community.

During his time in office, Eric was a strong advocate for affordable housing developments to reduce income inequality in San Mateo. To his credit and that of his colleagues, a city parking lot near Caltrain is now under construction. Kiku Crossing is a 7-story apartment building that will offer 225 homes for those earning low incomes, and a new publicly accessible parking garage. This development could have been contentious, but Eric and his colleagues spent many hours educating the public about the benefits of this project.

Also begun during his term of office was a billion dollar+ upgrade to the city's wastewater treatment plant. It takes quite a bit of time to bring this kind of project to the stage of construction, but Eric and his colleagues supported an upgrade that is a credit to the objectives of the Clean Water Act and that will be a vital piece of public infrastructure for decades to come.

In his private life, Eric is presently the CEO of a health information website that he co-founded. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Police Activities League and the Rotary Club of San Mateo. He is a graduate of the Stanford Graduate School of Business where he received his M.B.A., and the University of California at Berkeley where he received his Bachelor of Science degree. He and his wife Shirley have one child, son Tyler. Now that he is leaving public life, there will be more personal time to enjoy with his family.

When the call of elective public service is made, most people turn a deaf ear. It then falls to a few to assume the reigns of authority, pursuant to endorsement via elections, and to bear the full commitment of time, energy and emotion on behalf of creating a better community for all. Eric Rodriguez answered the call, and the people of San Mateo are better because of his service. I wish Eric and his

family wonderful times in the years ahead. In the coming years, as he leads Tyler through the community, he will be able to point and to say, "Dad helped make that possible." I am certain that his son will be impressed, and perhaps another generation of public service will be born because of those moments. This is one of the chief ways in which American democracy sustains itself. From parent to child. From generation to generation. From local government to national. The accomplishments of all of us add up, and Eric Rodriguez's service is illustrative of this remarkable reality of democracy.

RECOGNIZING LAREDO MAYOR
PEDRO IGNACIO SAENZ, JR.

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 5, 2022

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Mayor Pedro Ignacio Saenz, Jr.

After serving the maximum two terms as mayor of my hometown of Laredo, Texas, Mayor Saenz will step down at the end of this year. I would like to congratulate him on his many accomplishments in office and wish him the very best in the next chapter of his life.

A third generation Laredoan, Mayor Saenz is a pillar of our community. He raised his family in Laredo. He built a highly successful law practice there and specialized in oil and gas for 30 years. Mayor Saenz was president of both the South Texas Food Bank and the Laredo Affordable Housing Corporation—and he served for 12 years on the board of Laredo College, including as Board President, where he was instrumental in establishing the South Campus.

As mayor, he was a tireless advocate for the City of Laredo. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Mayor Saenz shepherded the city through a public health emergency. He helped the city manage difficult cross-border politics and challenging water issues. He helped lay the groundwork for closer binational cooperation with Nuevo Laredo and for substantial new investments in infrastructure.

Being a mayor is a 24/7 job. After serving two full terms, Mayor Saenz has earned the right to step away and spend more time with his family, including his wife Minerva, his 3 children, and his 5 grandchildren. I congratulate him on his work over the past 8 years, and I look forward to seeing what the next chapter of his life holds.

LYMPHEDEMA TREATMENT ACT

HON. PAUL TONKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 5, 2022

Mr. TONKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the Lymphedema Treatment Act, and to pay tribute to my constituents with lymphedema and their loved ones.

Nearly ten million Americans currently suffer from lymphedema, symptoms of which include intense discomfort, recurring infections, and difficulty moving. Lymphedema is characterized by swelling of the arms and legs often

caused by cancer or cancer treatments that result in the damage or blockage of the lymphatic system. There is no cure, but there are effective treatments. I want to take the time to recognize one of my constituents named Emma. Emma is 14 years old and was born with this incurable, progressive disease in her legs and feet. She first visited D.C. to advocate for this bill when she was 6 years old. Emma's advocacy has taught my team and me about lymphedema and the priorities for those living with this disease. She has shared about the painful complications and the need for the best treatment to be affordable.

Currently, Medicare does not cover the cost of compression treatment items. The Lymphedema Treatment Act would improve coverage for the treatment of lymphedema by extending coverage to include certain lymphedema compression treatment items. As a proud cosponsor and longtime supporter, I was excited to vote in support of H.R. 3630, the Lymphedema Treatment Act, when it came for a vote in the House of Representatives. I urge the Senate to move this critical legislation forward. We owe it to Emma and to all those suffering from lymphedema to get this bill signed into law. I also hope that private insurers will follow suit and do the right things with coverage for compression treatment items.

I thank Emma, her family and my many constituents who advocated for this and made a difference in pushing this forward.

HONORING D H BROWN'S FOR ITS
DECADES OF SERVING ILLI-
NOISANS FROM ALL CORNERS
OF THE STATE

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 5, 2022

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize D H Brown's in Springfield, Illinois, for bringing Illinoisans together for decades.

An iconic downtown establishment located in former President Abraham Lincoln's hometown, D H Brown's caters to patrons from every walk of life. It is a staple in Central Illinois, and a gathering place for individuals to engage in thoughtful discussion on how to strengthen communities throughout the state. While the Illinois General Assembly is in session, it is not uncommon to see state legislators from both parties frequenting D H Brown's, talking directly with constituents and other Illinoisans alike. Owned by Alex Preston, it is a vital fixture that helps to embody the culture of Springfield. I'm confident that D H Brown's will continue to contribute to this deep political heritage for many years to come.

It is because of Illinois' quintessential establishments like D H Brown's that I am especially proud to serve in Congress. Madam Speaker, I would like to, again, formally honor D H Brown's in Springfield for their decades of service to Illinoisans.

RICK MCLEOD APPRECIATED

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 5, 2022

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, since 2008, Rick McLeod has served as the President and CEO of the Savannah River Site Community Reuse Organization (SRSCRO) and after nearly 14 years of dedication to the nonprofit and the community, he has announced his retirement.

Rick has led the two-state of South Carolina and Georgia, five-county SRSCRO in facilitating economic development and serving as a unified voice for the region throughout his time there. He has played an integral role in advancing the organization's mission to craft and implement an extensive strategy that will promote the common economic interests of the community by furthering growth in the service area and stabilizing the financial state of the Savannah River Site.

Having received a B.S. degree in Agricultural Engineering and a Master's in Environmental System Engineering from Clemson University, Rick exemplifies tremendous skill in technical training as well as extensive professional experience from his over 25 years in business development, fundraising, and project management in both the private and public sectors.

Aside from his work with SRSCRO, Rick has taken an active role in a national non-profit conservation organization, where he has first-hand experience with foundation and corporate donations, and federal grants and appropriations.

South Carolina is grateful for Rick's work in ensuring that the people of the state have opportunities to develop skills needed to obtain jobs in the area, thus connecting and strengthening the relationship between regional employers and educational institutions, ultimately increasing economic development.

I congratulate Rick on his retirement with best wishes for continued success.

AMERICA'S 21ST CENTURY TROJAN
HORSE—THOMAS DRESSER

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 5, 2022

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to include in the RECORD an op-ed written by Dr. Thomas Dresser of Columbia, Missouri.

A Trojan horse for the United States of America in the 21st century is the container ship from China. The millions of containers bring high quality and lower priced goods to our country. The hidden cost is the loss of our ability to provide for ourselves. We cannot live without the contents of those containers, and we are becoming less able to produce them for ourselves. Items essential for the existence of our nation are made in China. This is a strategic mistake for the USA.

The original Trojan horse occurred when the Greek army was trying to defeat the city of Troy. After the years-long siege did not work, the Greeks pretended to leave but left

the gift of a large wooden horse. The citizens took this into the city, and during the night the hidden soldiers climbed out of the horse, opened the city gates, and let in the Greek army. Troy was defeated.

Give credit to China for using our strength to defeat us. Our strength is capitalism in a free market, which is using the principle of producing something for less and making a profit. The producer with the most products will take over the market. When the market is controlled by one entity, there is no competition. When there is no competition, you win. China makes products for less, and they are not worried about the profit. The profit will come later. It is noteworthy that they have used the principles of one of America's greatest entrepreneurs to overcome us. Sam Walton founded Walmart in 1962 and created a retailing empire. The company slogan is "we sell for less". This is true. China's model is "we produce for less". This is a perfect match. Walmart is one of the largest retailers in the world. Check their shelves and see how many products are made in China. For that matter check the hardware store, the department store, and the general marketplace for products. Made in China dominates. Then there is the largest corporation in the USA, Apple. How important is China to the manufacture of their products? It's important. So, what if next Monday China says, "we are not shipping anything to the USA until further notice!". How would that affect Walmart, Apple, and the rest of us? Unless we have a remedy for that, we are on the road to serfdom.

In 1990, the gross domestic product of the USA was \$5.9T and for China it was \$361B. In 2021, the GDP for USA was \$23T and for China it was \$17.7T. In just 31 years China has gone from 6% to 77% of the GDP of the USA. If there is no change in this model, then in a very short time China will be the dominant economic power in the world. And the principles of manufacturing greatly favor China. They don't have to worry about minimum wage, labor unions, and environmental standards. There is no way that the USA can compete in the marketplace with these different standards.

The ancient General Sun-tsu would be proud of his descendants who took an opponent's strength (manufactured goods) and turned that strength into a weakness. When China's dominance in manufacturing grows to a critical level, then total submission of our country can be affected without the need of a single military action. This is every general's dream.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEVIN HERN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 5, 2022

Mr. HERN. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 500.

HONORING THE SHRINER INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 5, 2022

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize Shriners International. Their continued commitment to their

fraternity members and for those they provide services for is immeasurable, and Ahmed Shriners has become an indispensable part of Michigan's First District.

Shriners International fraternity was founded 150 years ago with the goal of providing the tools and sense of fellowship to men of good character across the country. With the establishment of the Shriners Children's health care system in 1922, Shriners International has continually supported our most vulnerable communities. Extending across our Nation's borders and into both Canada and Mexico, Shriners International has become a staunch supporter of healthcare facilities across North America by offering specialty services and care to children, regardless of their family's ability to pay. Shriners International has had the privilege to help countless individuals while expecting nothing in return. This fraternity has had a direct impact on the communities they serve, making it appropriate to acknowledge their continued effort to the communities in the Upper Peninsula. The work and passion of Ahmed Shriners, Potentate Sir. Travis Freeman, as well as all who contribute to make Shriners International the communal asset it is today deserve our praise.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize Shriners International in their effort to continually provide service to children and their families. On behalf of Michigan's First District, I wish all fraternity members and staff of Ahmed Shriners and Shriners International the best in their future endeavors. Michigan's First District commends their continued support of the Upper Peninsula and thanks them for their work in ensuring a healthy community both socially and medically.

KIRKMAN FINLAY III APPRECIATION

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 5, 2022

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, Representative Kirkman Finlay III, has been successful promoting governmental reforms during his time in the South Carolina House of Representatives.

Among these were numerous ethics and election law reform proposals. Representative Finlay was the author of an Act relating to the contents of the statement of economic interest so as to require disclosure of specified income (Act 283 of 2015–2016).

In addition, he began the process regarding several property tax reforms as related to families and the disabled. He was a watchdog on local government abuses, expanding pharmaceutical vaccine availability, animal control and care, coastal tidelands protections, and restrictions regarding lobbyists and former public officials. He was also the author of the "Bad Faith Assertion of Patent Infringement Act."

Also on his agenda was electric utility reform—Representative Finlay sponsored a bill relating to baseload review orders and project development orders issued for certain utility facility construction projects in the aftermath of the SCANA nuclear plant debacle.

Representative Kirkman Finlay III, will always be appreciated for his dedicated service to the citizens of South Carolina.

RECOGNIZING THE USC VERDUGO HILLS HOSPITAL'S 50TH ANNI- VERSARY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 5, 2022

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 50th anniversary of USC Verdugo Hills Hospital in Glendale, California.

Originally founded in 1947 as the Behrens Memorial Hospital, the hospital moved in 1972 to a new hilltop location and was renamed Verdugo Hills Hospital. Initially established as a 158-bed acute care hospital serving Glendale, La Canada Flintridge, and the surrounding foothills area, it has grown over the last five decades and significantly expanded its healthcare options and services.

In 2013, the Verdugo Hills Hospital began a partnership with the University of Southern California (USC) and officially became the USC Verdugo Hills Hospital, in concert with Keck Medicine of USC. Since this acquisition, increased investment from the community and university have transformed the community-based hospital into a cutting-edge, academic medical institution. Some of the hospital's most essential services include a 24-hour emergency room, bariatric and minimally invasive surgery, a primary stroke center, and orthopedic surgery services. Recently, multi-million-dollar expansions have also funded the opening of a new Level II Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and an Interventional Radiology/Cardiac Catheterization Lab, as well as the expansion of clinical services in Labor and Delivery and Urology. In partnership with USC, the hospital also hosts community events such as Caregiver's Night Off and "Doc Talks" to assist both patients and their families.

USC Verdugo Hills Hospital's innovative services and expansive network has earned the hospital numerous awards, including the Board of Certification in Emergency Nursing's Honorary Certification Recognition, and its emergency department nurses received their second Lantern Award for their outstanding and innovative emergency room performance. The hospital has long been known for the friendliness, warmth and kindness of its staff and small-town hospital feel, beginning with a cheerful greeting at the hospital's front door by a caring volunteer. USC Verdugo Hills Hospital's volunteer program includes many long-time volunteers, including prospective medical students, and offers the opportunity to learn more about the medical field and provides a chance to give back to the community.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, USC Verdugo Hills Hospital's staff, physicians, and nurses worked tirelessly to care for their patients, serving as a leader in the community in the fight against the virus. The hospital's inpatient beds and Intensive Care Unit beds were crucial in providing high quality care to those most adversely affected by the virus.

I am proud to represent USC Verdugo Hills Hospital and commend their ongoing commitment to providing outstanding service to their patients and community. I ask all Members to join me today in honoring USC Verdugo Hills Hospital upon the celebration of its 50th anniversary.

RECOGNIZING THE DEPARTURE OF
THE HONORABLE JOE GOETHALS
FROM THE SAN MATEO CITY
COUNCIL

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 5, 2022

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize my good friend and colleague, Councilman Joe Goethals, upon his departure from the San Mateo City Council after nine years. He began his public service on the San Mateo Public Works Commission and as a Director on the Peninsula Health Care District Board. During his time on the council, he served on the Emergency Services Council, the Grand Boulevard Task Force, Peninsula Clean Energy, the San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department board, and the San Mateo County pre-Hospital Emergency Medical Services Group. He served as Mayor in 2019.

When he first ran for city council in 2013, he noted that he was a prosecutor for the Alameda County District Attorney's Office, and that by that time he had already handled over 50 cases and appeared in court in 25 jury trials involving such violent crimes as murder, rape and kidnapping. Since then, he's worked in the offices of both the Alameda and San Mateo County District Attorneys.

Today, Joe is in private practice as a trial attorney handling criminal defense, murder, sexual assault, wrongful death and personal injury cases. As a city councilman, prosecutor and defense counsel, Joe sees all sides of the criminal justice system.

We live in special times when people question whether our nation will splinter and whether we can continue to live under one body of law. I want to take a moment to speak about Joe Goethals the attorney because from this discipline, combined with public office, he created an unusually authoritative perspective on public policy.

In a 2020 Facebook post, he reposted an image of a man with a ball and chain and the word "addiction" on the ball, with the man reaching for a key that had "hope" as its name. In 2021, as protests broke out throughout the country Joe, his colleagues, and the Board of Supervisors established a pilot program teaming mental health professionals with police officers to help people in crisis. Joe noted at the time, "More than half of the county jail are individuals suffering from some form of mental health issues. Interventions like this I support very much because (mental) health professionals are a proven solution to reducing incarceration in favor of treatment and diversion." His validation, coming from both a seasoned prosecutor and defense attorney, meant that residents of San Mateo could have an extra measure of assurance that public safety was enhanced by mental health interventions. To borrow a concept from our shared faith, Joe was teaching from the catechism of justice.

As a councilmember, Joe Goethals was on the dais as San Mateo tackled some of its most difficult problems. The city has since initiated major public works projects to fix a flooding problem in the North Shoreview neighborhood, a major intersection problem at El Camino and Highway 92, and a significant deficiency in the city's sewage treatment system.

During Joe's years on the council, thousands of new housing units were created, and the city cooperated with the county to establish at least two hotels as new shelters for the homeless. Joe and his colleagues spurred businesses towards financial health despite the pandemic by approving outdoor dining downtown.

Born and raised in San Mateo, Joe grew up along Aragon Boulevard as part of a family of five children. He was outstanding in Little League and coached right through law school. For first through eighth grade, he attended St. Matthew's Catholic School, later moving to St. Ignatius College Preparatory High School in San Francisco, and ultimately attending Santa Clara University for both undergraduate and law school. Upon graduation with an undergraduate degree in Combined Sciences with an emphasis in microbiology, he was honored with the Santa Clara University Richard J. Riordan Award for Public Service. He actually has two graduate degrees, having attained a Master's in Public Health from San Jose State University before his J.D. degree. He served for five years in public health after his undergraduate studies. As a law student, he won the Honors Moot Court competition and a scholarship to Oxford University for the summer.

Joe and his wife, Sharon, have three girls Samantha, Ellie, and Charlotte. Although they have lived in different locations in recent years, they have always called San Mateo home.

It is time to bid adieu to a passionate advocate for sound government. America lost a champion Little Leaguer when Joe was forced to retire from coaching. It's losing a champion public policymaker as he steps away from elective office, hopefully for only a short time. Now, his family will regain the full-time attention of a loving father and husband. Life is both complete and expanding its joys for Joe Goethals, the boy from Aragon Boulevard who swung for the bleachers and hit a grand slam.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, December 6, 2022 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

DECEMBER 7

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Anthony Rosario Coscia, of New Jersey, David Michael Capozzi, of Maryland, Christopher Koos, of Illinois, Samuel E. Lathem, of Delaware, and Robin Lee Wiessmann, of Pennsylvania, each to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, Robert E. Primus, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, Sue Ellen Moore, of Washington, and Andrew J. Read, of North Carolina, both to be a Member of the Marine Mammal Commission, Rubydee Calvert, of Wyoming, and Diane Susan Kaplan, of Alaska, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and routine lists in the Coast Guard.

SR-253

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider S. 3386, to prevent, treat, and cure tuberculosis globally, S. 4824, to provide for proper oversight of North Korea policy, S. 4064, to facilitate the development of a whole-of-government strategy for nuclear cooperation and nuclear exports, S. 4509, to provide for security in the Black Sea region, S. 4996, to amend the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 to modify the establishment of a coordinator for detained ISIS members and relevant displaced populations in Syria, S. 4955, to amend certain authorities relating to human rights violations and abuses in Ukraine, S. Con. Res. 47, commending the bravery, courage, and resolve of the women and men of Iran demonstrating in more than 80 cities and risking their safety to speak out against the Iranian regime's human rights abuses, S. Con. Res. 16, commemorating the 30th anniversary of Operation Provide Comfort, S. Res. 713, recognizing Russian actions in Ukraine as a genocide, S. Res. 472, reaffirming the partnership between the United States and the Dominican Republic and advancing opportunities to deepen diplomatic, economic, and security cooperation between the two nations, S. Res. 730, remembering the 30th anniversary of the bombing of the Embassy of Israel in Buenos Aires on March 17, 1992, the 28th anniversary of the bombing of the Argentine-Israeli Mutual Association building in Buenos Aires on July 18, 1994, and recommitting to efforts to uphold justice for the victims of the attacks, S. Res. 322, reaffirming the alliance between the United States and Bulgaria, congratulating Bulgaria on its July 11, 2021 parliamentary elections, and calling for continued progress in Bulgaria towards combating corruption, respecting the freedom of the press, and protecting minority rights, S. Res. 650, recognizing May 28 as "World Hunger Day", that the 90th anniversary of the Ukrainian Famine of 1932-1933, known as the Holodomor, should serve as a reminder of repressive Soviet policies against the people of Ukraine, and that Vladimir Putin's illegal war against Ukraine has diminished Ukraine's agricultural output and threatens to exacerbate the problems of global hunger

on World Hunger Day, H.R. 7240, to reauthorize the READ Act, the nominations of Joey R. Hood, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tunisia, Lucy Tamlyn, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Jessica Davis Ba, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire, and Rachna Sachdeva Korhonen, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mali, all of the Department of State, and other pending calendar business.

S-116

2:30 p.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine the Civil Society Campaign to improve the lethality and survivability of the Ukrainian military.

SD-562

DECEMBER 8

9 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider the nominations of DeAndrea Gist Benjamin, of South Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Robert Stewart Ballou, to be United States District Judge for the Western

District of Virginia, Todd E. Edelman, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, Kymberly Kathryn Evanson, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, Myong J. Joun, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, and Colleen R. Lawless, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois.

SH-216

11 a.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To receive a briefing on demining Ukraine.

WEBEX

3:30 p.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To receive a briefing on Russia's infrastructure terrorists.

WEBEX

DECEMBER 15

10 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Subcommittee on Chemical Safety, Waste Management, Environmental Justice, and Regulatory Oversight

To hold hearings to examine the impact of plastic use and identifying solutions for reducing plastic waste.

SD-406

POSTPONEMENTS

DECEMBER 7

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Karen Sasahara, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the State of Kuwait, Richard Mills, Jr., of Georgia, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Nigeria, and Kathleen A. FitzGibbon, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Niger, all of the Department of State, and other pending nominations.

SD-419

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold hearings to examine personnel vetting modernization.

SH-216